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PEMS EMS Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 4-07-19

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Chaired By: B. Beam

Begin Time: 7:00 p.m.

End Time: 8:33 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: S. Pincus

Draft Approved Date: 07/07/2020

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Beam, Bradley (TC)	Ashe, Ryan	Bendit, Jeffrey(TC)	Balog, Tony (GCVRS)(TC)
Buchanan, Chris (TC)	Baylous, Denise	Pincus, Stephen(TC)	Doak, Melissa (York County)
Davenport, John (TC)	Bogue, Bert (VCU/LifeEvac)	Player, Michael(TC)	Samuels, Gary(TC)
Hunter, Greg (TC)	Brann, James		Lefever, Jeremy(TC)
Kerns, Lewis (TC)	Buis, Judy		Glover, Julia(TC)
McClure, Rick (TC)	Byrd, Blake		
Prata, Anthony (TC)	Cease, William		
Smith, Matt (TC)	Cumbie, Beth		
Smithers, Tabitha (TC)	Dougherty, Jason		
Sweet, Jason (TC)	Griffiths, Darryll		
Tucker, John (TC)	Harper, Kim		
Young, John (TC)	Hunter, Greg		
Paulette, Mitch (TC)	Klink, Shanon		
	Lankford, David		
	Lee, Robert		
	McDaniel, Tamara		
	Newsome, Patricia		
	Parker, Sarah		
	Paulette, Mitch		
	Payne, Jeffery		
	Raymond, Tony (VCU/LifeEvac)		
	Reinhardt, Joey		
	Rodman, Jason		

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		Rowsey, Victoria					
		Shore, Richard					
		Smith, Thamera					
		Snyder, Larry					
		Stevens, Ashley					
		Young, John					
Item	NOTES				Action Required	By Whom/When	
Call to order	1/07/20 Minutes: Roll call was taken. J. B. Beam asked committee if there were any necessary changes. None requested. J Sweet motioned approval of 01-07-20 EMS Operations Committee meeting minutes. 2 nd by Mitch Paulette. Unanimous approval.				DRAFT Minutes	PEMS facilitator/4-1-20	
Introductions and Membership Changes	Jim Gower to take the place of Rob Lee for Newport News. Tony Prata motioned to accept the change. Greg Hunter 2 nd . Unanimous approval.				Update Rosters	PEMS/4-1-20	
Appointments	Pharmacy Committee – (B. Beam) PICO – J. Davenport motioned by M. Smith and 2 nd by J. Sweet. Unanimous agreement. Medical Advisory Committee Meeting – (J. Sweet/ T. Prata) Board of Directors – Peninsula- B. Beam volunteered to replace R. Lee. Motioned by C. Young and 2 nd by J. Sweet. Unanimous agreement. J. Sweet volunteered to remain. Motion by B. Harris and 2 nd by C. Young. Unanimous agreement. Middle Peninsula- Greg Hunter agreed to stay. Motion by M. Smith and 2 nd by J. Sweet. Unanimous agreement. Northern Neck- Rick McClure				Update Committee Rosters	PEMS/4-1-20	
Staff Report	J Benditt will check to see if VAOEMS Communications Committee had a committee meeting and will send that out a report if they had a meeting. Chief Player has been pushing out everything from OEMS and will answer questions. VAOEMS Communications Committee minutes, 8-2-19. There are little impacts to the PEMS region at this point. Trauma Committee is looking at the data finding by the state. Trauma Data Reporting Errors: J. Bendit stated this quarter had some improvement. Imagetrend has < and > signs that are getting mixed up when charting on GCS. Notified region to ensure EMS aware of the discrepancy which gives a higher number of reporting than actually meeting STEP 1 in the Trauma Triage for transport to Trauma Center. Things seems to be the same. It appears that this is a data entry error. Will try to have Image Trend change the actual greater than and less than sign and spell out the words to prevent this error.						

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	<p>OMD Protocol Approval Letter – Nothing to report .</p>			
<p>PEMS Committee Reports</p>	<p>Pharmacy Committee- B. Beam stated that it is very important to make certain that the medication boxes are properly deconned in light of the COVID environment that we are currently operating in.</p> <p>There was conversation with some pushback from the pharmacy regarding ketamine. Some of the pharmacies are now adding ketamine as a third tier level for patients in behavioral crisis in case the other medication treatments do not work. They are reporting shortages still. (NOTE: 3 X 5 letters are supposed to be in the outside sleeve if there is a shortage for a particular box.)</p> <p>Medication boxes should now begin to have the new Epi and Epi-rite syringes introduced into the boxes. This is a long process.</p> <p>Epi kits that still remain in there. MP and NN still use these auto-injectors. These will be replaced until the stock in no longer available or the current one expire.</p> <p>PEMS PICO Committee- John Davenport said that there is no report but there is a meeting scheduled for April 16th.</p> <p>MAC- J. Sweet stated that there was a meeting on March 12th. The OMDs wanted to make certain that a plan was made to address COVID-19. They sanctioned a task force to deal with this and changes to protocols and procedures that would have to be modified.</p> <p>BOD- Brad Beam stated that this BOD did not meet because of the COVID pandemic. Will need to look to replace Rick McClure as a representative of the Ops Committee. Mitch Paulette stated that Rick was picked up by Richmond County and may serve as Mitch’s alternate. This was deferred until the next meeting. (he will need a County Administrator letter if he is to become the alternate.</p>		<p>Submit Agreements to group. Sign and return to PEMS.</p>	<p>J. Bendit 4/1/20</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>B. Beam - Riverside Regional Telestroke Trial for the Middle Peninsula agency has been postponed. Jimmy Brannndt forwarded the algorithm for telemedicine from VCU to Jeff Bendit. This will be forwarded out to the group.</p> <p>Re-stocking Agreements – Jeff Bendit is still collecting the agreements for 2020. This has to be done every 5 years.</p>		<p>Waivers</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>COVID-19 Response Roundtable</p> <p>Brad Beam – asked about decon techniques and wants to know more about the sprayers.</p>			

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<p>Gower stated NNFD could not get a commercial sprayer off the shelf. They have an in-house product (Quat-staff 5). The needs to be 80 – 150 microns on the surface for a specific amount of time. NNFD purchased a Graco Paint sprayer with a 209 Tip. This puts out a mist but electronics either must be removed or covered. Takes a short time to apply and the units are back into service typically within 20 minutes. Costs about \$360 per unit.</p> <p>Chris Buchannan (Matthews) it's important to make certain that the surfaces remain wet for the full 5 minutes. It may take more than one application to do this. Matthews has also purchased a UV machine that will be arriving soon.</p> <p>G. Samuels – Bon Secours uses a 3rd party vendor to decon N95s</p> <p>Blake Byrd built a very inexpensive (\$38) sprayer that can be used off a pancake compressor. He will send this out to the group.</p> <p>PEMS will establish a Decon Section under the COVID-19 part of the website.</p> <p><u>TELEMEDICINE</u></p> <p>Mitch Paulette said his agency was approached by VCU to explore this using Pulsara App. They are doing a pilot program using a flowchart from VCU approved by OEMS mainly for non-transports of COVID patients. If patients meet the criteria listed on the flow chart, then VCU team is activated through the Pulsara App. Teleconference in from the patient's bedside at the patient's house. They speak with patients who do not necessarily meet admission to the hospital criteria. The doctors are able to do a follow-up with the patient with the app. This is one way (the doctors activate this component.)</p> <p>Blake Byrd stated the Pulsara App changes rural EMS in its entirety . He spoke about having the capability to bring the doctor into a cardiac arrest, a stroke, etc. He looked into the cost per ambulance including the I-pad is around \$800 per year.</p> <p>No special equipment is needed as long as someone has an I-pad or smart phone with connectivity.</p> <p>Jeff Bendit -- Riverside is using a Zoom Platform. They are looking at VCU's protocol to potentially get this started on the Peninsula.</p> <p>Gower – there are some concerns related to HIPAA compliance. Cell carriers use digital platforms which are compliant, but more study is needed.</p> <p>Gary Samuels – Bon Secours is looking at the E-bridge in the Richmond market and they are looking to extend it down to the Peninsula and Rappahannock General. (Carepoint has E-bridge and they are offering 6 months free for the hospital. The hospital in turn offers it free to the agencies. This is totally HIPAA compliant and has been vetted.)</p> <p>Tabitha Smithers – First Net is going into telemed and it is HIPAA compliant. Tabitha has direct govt contact with First Net. This uses cell towers and she may be able to assist with this.</p>			<p>1 July 2019, RSI Agencies</p>

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	<p>Emergency PPE Supply –</p> <p>Chief Player – PEMS received a second shipment from the SNS. If agencies do not have something or are getting ready to run out of something, you need to let PEMS know. There is a section under the COVID-19 tab of the website where you can place an emergency supply order. (NOTE: This is just to assist agencies in getting through until they can acquire supplies through their vendors.)</p>		
Good of the Order	<p>Important Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next meeting July 7th. Tentatively dinner at 1800. b. Busch Gardens EMS Day rescheduled to weekend of August 22nd. c. Hampton Road Trauma Symposium moved to August 28th. d. Most likely that the EMS Awards Nominations will be extended. e. PEMS received the RSAF grants and a committee will be put together for grading purposes. Grading will most likely take place in mid-April. 		
Adjournment	Mitchell motion to adjourn 7:52 p.m. Gower, 2 nd . Unanimously approved.		